

life of her whom we lament, of a steady and consistent attendance upon the worship of God and all the ordinances of His house. Never, in any case where providential impediments were not interposed, was she known to be absent from the house of God at any of the appointed services of the sanctuary ; never, in such cases, was she missed from the altar where every penitent and faithful Christian should be found meekly kneeling when that precious banquet is spread before him ; never, morning or evening, on the sabbath day, or when for week-day exercises of devotion the house of God was opened, was she absent from those soul-refreshing duties, when health and strength would permit. So far, that was an example which it was refreshing to contemplate, and which it is afflicting to lose ; but it was afforded, too, for our profit in the privacies of life,—in the cheerful endurance of years of enfeebling sickness,—in maintaining a Christian's equable temper under the acutest of bodily sufferings,—and in yielding to the last stroke of the destroyer in patient and complacent hope of that abiding 'rest' in the kingdom of God, which the Saviour's blood hath purchased for his faithful people.

If ours were to be the doom of "the beasts